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1. SUBSEQUENT TO DRAFTING OF REFTTEL, BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU JULIO SANJINEZ CALLED ON ME DECEMBER 30 TO DISCUSS THE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA QUESTION. HE SAID HE HAD AN APPOINTMENT LATER WITH FONOFF SEC GEN MERCHAND AND WOULD THEN DEPART FOR LA PAZ. I HAVE THE HIGHEST REGARD FOR SANJINEZ, AND SUGGEST ADDRESSES WEIGH HIS THOUGHTS CAREFULLY.

2. SANJINEZ SAID HE IS "WORRIED" ABOUT THE HANDLING AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE INITIATIVES TOWARD SETTLING THE BOLIVIAN OUTLET QUESTION. IT PRESENTS INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL PROBLEMS FOR THE MORALES BERMUDEZ REGIME. IF THE GOP WERE UNWILLING OR UNABLE TO AGREE TO CHILEAN CESSION OF A CORRIDOR THROUGH ARICA, THIS WOULD DESTROY PERU'S PEACH POLICIES AND THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION, AND POSSIBLY WRECK THE ANDEAN PACT. ON THE OTHER HAND, WHILE THE GOP CAN "GUIDE" EVENTS HERE, THERE ARE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES WITH ANY CESSION OF

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FORMER PERUVIAN TERRITORY.

3. SANJINEZ STRESSED THAT THE ESSENTIAL THING IS TO GAIN A LASTING SOLUTION TO THE CORRIDOR QUESTION. THIS PROCESS MUST BE HANDLED WITH THE UTMOST CARE BY ALL PARTIES, INCLUDING PRESIDENT BANZER. EVERYONE SHOULD KEEP "COOL" AND SHOULD NOT PUSH PERU TO AGREE TO A SOLUTION.

4. WHAT SANJINEZ WOULD LIKE TO SEE IS A PERIOD OF TWO TO THREE MONTHS' CALM DURING WHICH NO ONE PRESSED PERU FOR AN ANSWER TO THE CHILEAN NOTE. AFTER THAT TIME, GIVEN A FAVORABLE PERUVIAN RESPONSE IN PRINCIPLE, SANJINEZ WOULD LIKE TO SEE FORMATION OF A TRIPARTITE STUDY GROUP TO CONSIDER ALL ASPECTS OF THE CORRIDOR QUESTION. THIS STUDY MIGHT LAST FROM TWO TO THREE YEARS AND COULD INVOLVE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE UN AND OAS. THE STUDY GROUP WOULD THEN ISSUE A REPORT TO THE THREE GOVERNMENTS. PERU WOULD HAVE BEEN DIRECTLY INVOLVED THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS, WHICH SHOULD FACILITATE ITS AGREEMENT.

5. COMMENT: WHATEVER WE THINK OF THE ADVISABILITY OR PROSPECTS FOR THE SANJINEZ LONG-TERM STUDY APPROACH, I BELIEVE HIS COUNSEL TO KEEP "COOL" AND NOT TO PRESS PERU IS WISE.
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